

CMU-CU Mechanical Engineering Program Orientation

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Academic Expectations

-Students' Expectations of Instructors

- ▶ Be knowledgeable about the subject
- ▶ Be prepared
- ▶ Communicate with students
 - ▶ Syllabus, Website, email list
- ▶ Hold regular office hours and respond to student needs and questions in a reasonable time



Academic Expectations

-Instructors' Expectations of Students:

- ▶ Be Professional:
 - ▶ Email: please make sure you include your full name and a clear CU email address to respond to.
 - ▶ Be prepared when you come to class (readings, lab reports)
- ▶ Create a learning environment
 - ▶ Come prepared to class and expect to spend 2-3 hours outside of class for every one credit hour you are in.
- ▶ CHECK and READ your **University of Colorado** Email!
 - ▶ This is our official form of communication with you.



Grade Strategies:

- ▶ Start strong! You never know what will happen during the semester, and your coursework will start off very quickly, so stay on top of your work!
- ▶ Most Professors award partial credit
 - ▶ Complete all assignments
 - ▶ Never leave an exam question blank. At least give it a shot!
- ▶ Attend Faculty Office hours, often!
- ▶ Form Networks
 - ▶ Learn together in study groups. This is essential!
- ▶ Ask for help!
 - ▶ Faculty, other students, et al.



CU Honor Code:

- ▶ ALL coursework is conducted under the Honor Code
 - ▶ Penalties range from an F in the course to expulsion.
- ▶ Take responsibility for your education!
 - ▶ Make sure that you learn the material - employers expect that you have.
 - ▶ Learning to learn is an engineers' most important skill
- ▶ Collaboration vs. Cheating:
 - ▶ Collaboration: communicating concepts
 - ▶ Cheating: using others' work as your own
 - ▶ Be clear on instructors' specific policies - read your syllabus



CU-Boulder Contacts:

- ▶ Problem with a professor? Feedback to:
 - ▶ Partnership Director: Tim Brower
 - ▶ CU-Boulder Undergrad Chair: Conrad Stoldt
 - ▶ ME Department Chair: Mike Hannigan

- ▶ Other issues: Petition form from Tim Brower goes to undergrad committee for approval at CU-Boulder
- ▶ Questions about CU-campus events that you want to attend:
 - ▶ Ashley.Ecklund@Colorado.edu



Other Advice:

- ▶ Contact me if you want to be added to the CU MCEN student list serve
 - ▶ We also have an alternate list serve that serves as a career services and professional list serve. We will often send:
 - ▶ Job announcements
 - ▶ Professionalism events (some in Boulder and Denver)
- ▶ Don't sell your books! You will likely want to use them in the future!
- ▶ Be safe, call EVERYONE "Professor x"
 - ▶ Some faculty take this a bit more seriously than others



University of Colorado Structure:

- ▶ University of Colorado
 - ▶ College of Engineering and Applied Science
 - ▶ Department of Mechanical Engineering

Remember, Our campus is your campus!!



Questions?

Welcome to the CU-Boulder Mechanical Engineering Department!

